

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

**Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting of the
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
Board of Scientific Counselors**

March 30, 2001

The meeting of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors was convened as a telephone conference call at 3:00 PM in the Scientific Director's office at the NIDCD 5 Research Court Laboratories, Rockville, Maryland. Dr. Cynthia C. Morton presided as chairperson.

Members Present:

Dr. Cynthia C. Morton, Chairperson

Dr. Lynn T. Landmesser
Dr. Margaret I. Lomax
Dr. Alfred L. Nuttall
Dr. Randall Reed

Dr. Dwayne Simmons
Dr. Richard Smith
Dr. Bruce L. Tempel
Dr. Laurence O. Trussell

NIDCD Staff:

Dr. James F. Battey, Jr., Director, NIDCD
Dr. Robert J. Wenthold, Director, Division of Intramural Research (DIR), NIDCD
Dr. David Robinson, Deputy Director, DIR, NIDCD
Mrs. C. Leigh Walter, Program Assistant, DIR, NIDCD

Other NIH Staff:

Dr. Michael M. Gottesman, Deputy Director for Intramural Research, NIH

Administrative Business

Dr. Morton called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

The Minutes of the October 19-20, 2000, meeting of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors were approved as submitted.

NIH Deputy Director for Intramural Research

Dr. Gottesman discussed the Blue Ribbon Panel Review relating to the NIDCD Intramural program space concerns and plans to bring NIDCD scientists to campus. Growth on campus has been 2 percent per year for the last 10 years, leaving minimal growth opportunities. An additional floor was added to the new Building 50 providing space for the Battey, Wenthold, Iwasa, and Kachar laboratories.

Funds have been set aside for a new Neuroscience Center. Completion of the Center will be in 2007. It will house approximately 210 scientists, giving some NIDCD scientists the opportunity to move to campus.

Director's Report

Dr. Battey reported that NIDCD received an increase from \$265 million to \$300 million in the FY 2001 budget. The DIR budget is 8.6% of the Institute budget, and expansion of the DIR is planned with construction of an annex to 5 Research Court.

Dr. Battey reported on the expansion of the R01 portfolio to emphasize new investigators, Core Support Grants, and substantial increases in stipends for intramural and extramural pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellows. An increase in extramural fellowships (F32) and a decrease in training grants (T32) emphasize the move toward individualized support.

Dr. Battey reported that the two-day DIR retreat was a success. Principal Investigators gave short talks and posters were presented by other attendees.

NIDCD Scientific Director's Report

Dr. Wenthold noted that Dr. Allen Spiegel, Director of NIDDK, and Dr. Paul Sieving, Director of NEI, are now part of DIR, NIDCD.

Dr. Wenthold outlined a proposed BSC Report process and stated that all reports should be in the same format. The format agreed upon is 30 pages total (1.5 spacing and Times 12 font); Introduction (not to exceed 2 pages); Progress Report (not to exceed 3 pages); List of Projects (not to exceed 2 pages); Future Plans.

The 1998 Blue Ribbon Review Panel recommendations were discussed as well as the status of the DIR following the recommendations. A major recommendation of the Panel was that the DIR be moved to campus. This is not likely to occur until 2007 when the Neuroscience Center is completed. In the short term, space will be increased by an annex to 5 Research Court. NIDCD will also receive a small increase in space in Building 10 in 2003. Dr. Wenthold reviewed the tenure-track scientists hired in the past two years and how they conform to the recommendations made by the Panel.

CLOSED SESSION

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in Sections 552b©(6), Title 5, U.S. Code and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

The Board of Scientific Counselors considered NIDCD responses to the reviews from the last meeting for Drs. Konrad Noben-Trauth, John Northup, and Xin-Xing Gu.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 4:15 PM on March 30, 2001.

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors meeting are accurate and correct.

Date

Robert J. Wenthold, Ph.D.
Director
Division of Intramural Research
NIDCD

Date

Cynthia C. Morton, Ph.D.
Chairperson
Board of Scientific Counselors
NIDCD

These Minutes will be formally considered by the Board of Scientific Counselors at its next meeting. Corrections and notations will be incorporated into the minutes of that meeting.